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# President's message:

As I write this message I am enjoying a hot cup of Earl Grey Tea on the last weekend of February. The past month has seen the Mardi Gras Party, held by Lion Margie. Everybody had a great time and the party was a success. The Student Speaker Contest was held on February 17th at the Mary Wilson Library. This vear's topic was "National Health Care, How Will It Affect Us?" The three speakers gave some thoughtful insight into this complex issue. Congratulations to Lion Carol Linehan

Huntington Beach, CA 92649 for a fantastic program. During the next two months, our club has a busy schedule. At our meeting on March 3rd there is the Planned Giving Program, chaired by Lion Dewey. On March 6th the Hopkinson School Carnival will occur. On March 11 the Zone Student Speaker Contest will be held at the Mary Wilson Library. I urge as many Lions to attend as possible. Check with Karen Russell about this event. On March 17th our designated driver event happens; for more information check with Chair Renee Schulte. I also need to inform all members that our second meeting in March has been moved from March 17th to March 24th

> On April 10th there is the 5K and 10K Race in Seal Beach. For further information check with Lion Barbara Avakian. On April 21st Honor the Teacher Night will be held at the Mary Wilson Library. For more information, check with Zone Chair Karen Russell. Finally, there is the Pancake Breakfast on April 24th. Signup sheets will be going around at the March 3rd meeting. We still need team leaders for the Setup Team and Staffing Team. For more information contact Lion President Garv.

> One final thought: as you all know we will be Club of the Year. Lion Scott has come up with several suggestions that will help us achieve our goal. They will be discussed at next Wednesday's meeting. I strongly urge all Lions to attend this important meeting.

> Well I am now going to finish that cup of tea and wish you all a great dav.

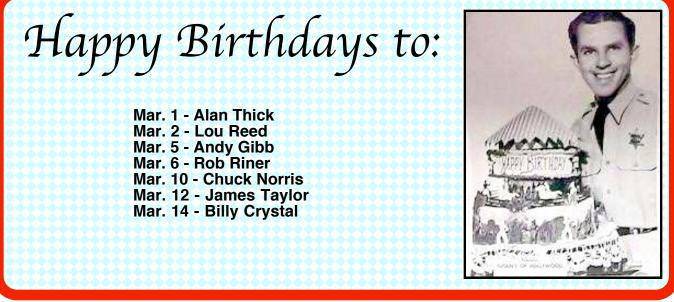
Yours in Lionism, Gary Denni

Lion President

Meeting schedule: First and Third Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7pm sharp and are held at 'The Lone Star SteakHouse', 6575 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach

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## **Student Speaker Contest By Carol Linehan, Chairperson**

Seal Beach Lions held its annual Student Speaker contest on February 17th at the Mary Wilson Library Senior Center.

This is the 73rd year the Lions of California have held this contest to provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest.

It always amazes me how these young students approach the topics that the Council of Governors decides on each year.

This year's topic is one which I feel most people have a very strong opinion for or against: "Universal Healthcare - How Will It Affect Us?"

We had twenty-three Lions attend the contest and listen as three Los Al High School students gave us their views on the subject.

The winner of the contest was sophomore Michelle Leon who will represent our club at the Zone Contest March 11, 2010 at the Library.

The other two students were junior Raea Limb, the co-vice-president of the debate team, and Jonathan Kim, also a sophomore and member of the debate team.

I had a lot of support from my fellow Lions with the Contest. Lions Adriana, Dewey, President Gary, Nicki and Scott came early to do set-up. We were pleasantly surprised to see that the room was already set-up for us.

Lions Adriana and Renee guarded the doors. Renee had to tackle a mom who came in as I was starting the presentation. Lions Bruce, Dewey and Nicki timed our speakers. Lions Carole H., Dave H and President Gary were the tellers.

Lions Ellen and Mary N donated the delicious ice cream cakes.

I would like to encourage the membership to come to the Zone meeting and cheer on Michelle. It would be so wonderful to see her go all the way to the finals in June.



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Being in the Seal Beach Lions Club is an opportunity to serve our community. Our club is currently in the process of selecting next year's board members. There are many positions available, and if you feel you can help, please volunteer to fill one of the vacancies.

We are fortunate that our club has so many members in such a small community. Friendships have been formed and many of those have been lifelong friendships.

We also have new members that are younger and people that are members of the business community. Our club is made up of people with a variety of background and experiences.

Everyone has something to contribute and now is the time to step forward to do that.

Last week Scott Newton sent our club members out nomination forms for next year's board positions. All positions are available. If you feel that you can fill one of the positions or feel that you know a club member who is qualified to fill one of the positions - please submit his or her name to the nominations committee.

We are all Seal Beach Lions and it is all of our responsibilities to run this club. It is not easy to step forward and take on the work of running the club, but someone has to do it.

If you have the time and are willing to take on a one-year commitment, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve the Seal Beach Lions and the community.



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### Seal Beach Lions Club - ELECTION of CLUB OFFICERS

The Seal Beach Lions Club will have its election for the 2010-2011 Club Officers at the club meeting on April 7, 2010. A Nominating Committee was appointed to present a slate of nominees to the membership for all Club Offices. Nominations from the floor can be made at nominations meeting on March 24, 2010. No nominations can be taken after this meeting.

#### PRESIDENT

Chief Executive officer of the club. This Lion shall preside at all meetings of the Board and the Club.

#### SECRETARY

The recording Officer of the Club. This Lion is responsible for the minutes of all of the meetings. The Secretary is the Liaison Officer between the Club, the District and the International Association. Also responsible for the preparation of the monthly M & A reports.

#### TREASURER

The Financial Officer of the Club. This Lion receives and accounts for all moneys and deposits in the bank; and is responsible for all financial reports to the Board of Directors

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Serves as Chairman of Committees designated by the President. In the absence of the President, this Lion shall preside at the meetings of both Club and Board of Directors. Is responsible for selecting chairpersons for all projects and events.

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Serves as Chairman of Committees designated by the President. In the absence of the President and First Vice President, this Lion shall preside at the meetings of both Club and Board of Directors. Serves as Visitation Chairman.

#### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Serves as Chairman of Committees designated by the President. Serves as Program Chairman.

#### TAIL TWISTER

The Club Officer who keeps his eyes and ears open and capitalizes on all humorous situations that arise to promote harmony, fellowship, comedy and enthusiasm during the meetings. This Lion imposes and collects fines on Club Members.

#### LION TAMER

These officers are responsible for the Club's property. These Lions put the banners, flags and bell in their proper places before each meeting. Acts as Sergeantof-Arms. Also, is responsible for all club property used for fundraising.

#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

This Lion acts as chairman of the three person Membership Committee. This Lion is responsible for membership growth and retention.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS (8)

The Club Officers and the Board of Directors oversees all Club business, the development of Club policy and communications to the general membership. Responsible for execution of Club policies and approval of expenditure of funds. Each board member will be assigned at least one chairmonship each year.

#### Seal Beach Lions Club - OFFICER INTEREST FORM 2010-2011

Please indicate any offices you are interested in holding this next year. You may select more than one office,

Name\_\_\_\_\_Offices\_

Please return to this form to Nominations Committee member Lion Scott Newton by email or in person by March 3, 2010. Mail: PO Box 3095 - Seal Beach, CA 90740 Email: Scottnewton2@hotmail.com



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Seal Beach Lions Carol and Dewey Linehan enjoyed a Roaring good time with other lions at the annual MD-4 Convention in Riverside the weekend of February 5-7.



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## Seal Beach Leos - March Calendar 2010

Mar 1 - USS Dewey Welcome Dinner @ Grace Church 4:30 -8:30

Mar 6 - Kids Baseball Pancake Breakfast - McGaugh 7-11 am

Mar 15 - Leo Mtg 6:30-7:15 (Board Mtg 6-6:30)

Mar 20 - Save Our Beach Service Project

Mar 22 - Membership DINNER Meeting, 6:30-7

Mar 28 - CRABFEST - Old World, Huntington Beach, 4-7:30

**Apr 19 - Leo Club Elections** 

Apr 24- Pancake Breakfast/Car Show

May 19- Community Support/Awards Night

### Leo's News

Leos had a busy month in February. They started out cooking at McGaugh School for the opening day of Kids Baseball and had a fantastic day. Even though Lion Jim Klisanin's truck got stuck on the field, it didn't hinder our Leos from doing a great job!

It was really great of the Seal Beach Baseball people to recognize our Lions Scott Newton and Mike Bronfenbrenner for the hard work that they did. They called them up on stage and presented each one of them with a baseball cap with their names embroidered on them. Great job, Lions Scott and Mike and all the Leos who helped!

We also helped at Beach Clean Up Days. We manned two booths selling water, drinks, t-shirts and recyclable bags. The booths were at the parking lot at First and Ocean by River's End and in the parking lot by McKenna's. We also accepted donations.

In March we have a membership drive. We are losing many of our graduating seniors, so we are hoping to have a good turnout at this meeting. Remember, Leos, pizza will be served! Bring your friends!

We are also looking forward to one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, CRABFEST! This event is held at Old World Restaurant in Huntington Beach from 4 to 7:30 pm. It is a lot of fun to work this event if you haven't done it before. Make sure to wear your Leo's T-shirt!

One Last thing, become a fan of Seal Beach Leos on FACEBOOK!











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Jim Klisanin and Scott Newton received Americana **Emeritus Medals** at the Americana Awards **Ceremonies held** at the Disneyland Hotel on February 20, 2010. Congratulations, Jim Lions and Scott!

mardi gras



The good times were rolling at the Seal Beach Lions' Mardi Gras party that was held on February 13th at Lion Margie Garcia's house.

Margie did a great job as hostess. She cooked up lots of Cajun inspired goodies, such as jambalaya and red beans and rice. The food was yummy!

The decorations were especially gorgeous! One of Margie's girlfriends provided many of the decorations. There were beautiful balloon centerpieces and displays all over Margie's backyard. Her house looked really festive.

The competition got really fierce over the beer pong table that was set up in the garage and I think Lion Mary Newton and her boyfriend Tony Sonsma went home as King and Queen of the Beer Pong Tournament.

No one ate the cupcake with the baby in it; so hopefully someone will step up to volunteer to have this party at their home next year.

Thank you, Lion Margie and her committee, for your hard work on this wonderful party!



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### Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes February 3rd, 2010

I. Call to Order:

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

7:00 pm at Rick's at Brix

- Dispensed Dispensed
- B. Invocation:

C. City of Hope Prayer: D. Lions Song: Dispensed Dispensed

II. Introduction of Guests: Guests Terri Blatrik, Steve Rosolin, Ashley Rollins and Bob Johnson were introduced by Lions Christine Albertalli, Barbara Avakian, Allyn Mattox and Gay Synder Johnson respectively.

III. Announcements & Correspondence: Due to the nature of this meeting, its' location and configuration Lion President Gary and Lion Secretary Renee dispensed with any special announcements, however, wrap up and committee reports were briefly presented.

IV. Wrap Up Reports:

A. Third Cabinet Meeting 1/23/10: Zone "C" Chairperson Lion Karen reported on the meetings events and the Seal Beach Lions in attendance for this meeting.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Mardi Gras Party 2/13/10: Lion Allyn for Lion Margie announced the final details for this event and encouraged all that could to go for some good food and fun.

B. Student Speaker Contest: Lion Carol Linehan reported the Club level competition will be Feb. 17th at the Mary Wilson Library; be there before 7:00; refreshments will be served.

C. Planned Giving 3/03/10: Lion Dewey detailed this years' appointed recipients—Terisita Pines, Interval House, Orphanages of Thailand and ??.

D. Hopkinson School Carnival, March 6th: We will provide the grill. No grill status report.

E&F. Designated Driver March 17th meeting moved to March 24th to assure participation for the nights commitments. Lion Renee passed around a sign up sheet.

G. 5-10K Run 4/10: Lion Barbara A. \$25 entrants fee.

H. Honor the Teacher 4/21 Lions Karen & Barbara W.: Honor the Teacher April 21st Mary Wilson Library: Club will honor ten (10) teachers and Lion Ellen will prepare the dinners.

I. Club Pins: Lion Dave awaiting an order of 300 pins.

J. Club Booths: no report

K. Pancake Breakfast—April 24th 7:: Lion President Gary is looking for chairpersons for this event which will be in conjunction with the annual car show. Passed around sign up sheet—Lions are needed in various capacities from 7:00 am to 1 pm.

L. District 4-L4 2010 Convention, Ventura 5/13-5/16: Lion Karen R. reported on the details--\$119 per room; several packages are available—<u>see Lions Karen, Gary or Renee for details. Deadline for registration is April 1st.</u>

M. Visitation Report: Lion Jackie Maloney no report <u>See</u> previous minutes for past detailed plans for visitations. N. Lion President Gary M/David/S/Bruce, Chris/Carried to send \$100 toward relief fund for Haiti.

O. Lion Dave New Member Orientation Feb. 10th Baytown Realty/Time (??)

P. Lion Mark Newton planning a New Orleans visit 05/30-31.

Q. Other Business: (1) Nomination Committee being formulated. (2) Zone Student Speaker Contest March 11th 6:30 MWL (3) Lion Allyn encouraged our Lions to become acquainted with Facebooks "Fan of the Lions" to further communicate.

VI. Dinner Dispensed

- Mystery Lion: Dispensed
- Treasurers Chest: Dispensed
- Tail Twister: Dispensed

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 7:35 p.m. (No Board meeting tonight)



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### Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes Club Student Speaker Contest February 17th, 2010

I.	Call to Order:	7:10 pm at Mary Wilson Library
	A. Pledge of Allegiance:	Lion Carol Linehan
	B. Invocation:	Dispensed
	C. City of Hope Prayer:	Dispensed
	D. Lions Song:	Dispensed
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II. Introduction of Guests: Students: Raea Limb, Michelle Leon, and Jon Lim. Parents: Jake Limb, Javier Leon and Helen Kim. Judges: John Lalley, Gregg Smith, Susan Lordi and Emily A. Keller.

III. Announcements & Correspondence: Due to the nature of this meeting, its' location and configuration Lion President Gary and Lion Secretary Renee dispensed with any special announcements.

IV. Student Speaker Contest

V. Adjourn Meeting 8:25 p.m. (No Board meeting tonight)